

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 have been amended to conform the claims to U.S. patent practice and to delete multiple dependent claims. Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found, for example, on page 12, second full paragraph. In addition, claims 14-17 have been added. Support for claims 14 and 17 are found, for example, on page 12, second full paragraph, and page 14, third full paragraph through page 15, last paragraph. Support for claims 15 and 16 is found, for example, on page 12, first full paragraph, last sentence thereof of the present application and example 2.3.

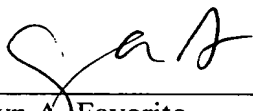
It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added and applicants request entry of this amendment.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 255352001800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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